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SUBJECT: ADF APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST CUT

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1. ON MARCH 24 THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR FY 77 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE IDB AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BY 40 PERCENT. THE ADMINISTRATION'S ADF REQUEST WAS 25 MILLION DOLLARS IN PAID-IN CAPITAL. THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZED 15 MILLION DOLLARS.

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2. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHY THE SUBCOMMITTEE CUT THE ADF REQUEST AS THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, THE ADF REQUEST WAS TAKEN UP AFTER DISCUSSION OF THE IDB REQUEST-DURING WHICH SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN, ATTACKING THE IDB, EXPRESSED THE FEELING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF

INTERNATIONAL BANK FUNDS WAS TOO FAR REMOVED FROM CONGRESSIONAL CONTROL.

3. WE ARE MAKING ATTEMPTS WITH THE INOUYE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE HOUSE CUTS.

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4. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE ON MARCH 2, SECRETARY VANCE SAID: QUOTE IN ALL CANDOR I MUST NOTE THAT I WAS DISTURBED BY THE ACTION OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE IN CUTTING THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST IN THE FISCAL YEAR L977 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND BY 40 PERCENT EACH. OUR PLEDGE TO EACH OF THESE INSTITU-TIONS IS PART OF A NEGOTIATED FUNDING PLAN. SHORTFALLS IN PLEDGES BY THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MATCHED BY REDUCED CONTRIBUTIONS BY OTHER DONORS AND COULD JEOPARDIZE THE REPLENISHMENT OF BOTH THE IDB AND ADF. I URGE THAT FULL FUNDING PLEDGES BY THE UNITED STATES BE APPROPRIATED. OUR REQUEST FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND IS THE FIRST CONCRETE ACTION ON BEHALF OF LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA SINCE THIS ADMINIS-TRATION TOOK OFFICE. FAILURE TO SUPPORT THESE TWO ELEMENTS IN OUR REGIONAL ASSISTANCE STRATEGY WILL SURELY BE TAKEN AS A SLACKENING OF AMERICAN INTEREST. UNQUOTE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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